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1. WE DO NOT BELIEVE JCRC MOVE FROM NKP TO UTAPAO/SAMAE SAN CARRIES RISK OF POLITICAL REVERBERATIONS IN THAILAND. JCRC ACTIVITY PRIMARILY INVOLVES OTHER COUNTRIES, AND THAI ARE UNLIKELY TO PAY VERY MUCH ATTENTION TO MOVE OR SCRUTINIZE IT CLOSELY FOR POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE.

2. IF, HOWEVER, USSAG IS DE-ACTIVATED THEREAFTER, THESE ACTIONS MAY BE PERCEIVED CUMULATIVELY BY THAI AS FORESHADOWING EVENTUAL CLOSURE OF NKP ITSELF. SINCE THAI IN GENERAL ARE PREPARED FOR FURTHER US DRAWDOWNS, THIS SHOULD NOT OCCASION UNDUE EXCITEMENT. EVENTUAL ACTUAL CLOSURE OF NKP SHOULD LIKEWISE BE ACCEPTABLE TO THAI PUBLIC IF ADEQUATE GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION HAS TAKEN PLACE BEFOREHAND AND CLOSURE IS ANNOUNCED IN CONTEXT OF SHARED US-THAI ASSESSMENT OF SOUTHEAST ASIAN SECURITY SITUATION.

3. WE CONCUR IN JCRC MOVE AND IN PRESS HANDLING

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PROPOSED REF B, PROVIDED TIME IS ALLOWED FOR ADEQUATE

CONSULTATION WITH RTG BEFORE ANY PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT.
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